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# M E D I A A D V I S O R Y & P H O T O O P P

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## **HUNDREDS TO WALK FOR WISHES THIS WEEKEND AT MARYMOOR PARK IN SUPPORT OF MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION®**

### **WHO & WHAT:**

Today, 200 children with life-threatening medical conditions are counting on the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington to grant their wishes. Hundreds of people, including wish recipients and their families, volunteers, staff and members of the community-at-large, are taking the first step in helping to make their wishes come true by participating in the third annual *Walk for Wishes* this Sunday at Marymoor Park in Redmond.

The Walk for Wishes is a family-friendly 5K walk to raise funds for and awareness of the local chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The cost is \$25 (13-years and older) and participants will enjoy snacks and beverages, kid's activities (including a bounce house and face painting) and entertainment by one of the hottest Seattle "kindiependent" bands, "The Not-Its!". Walkers can register prior to the event online at: <http://nwmakeawish.kintera.org/walkforwishes> or register the day of at the event

The top individual fundraiser will **win a Royal Caribbean Cruise plus Alaska Airlines airfare for two.**

Special thanks to our 2011 Walk for Wishes sponsors:

- *Wish level:* Royal Caribbean International
- *Strength level:* Alaska Airlines
- *Joy level:* La Quinta Inns and Suites, Parent Map, McGladrey, Trutina Financial
- *In-kind supporters:* Banner Bank, Clif Bar and Company, Massage Envy, PCC Natural Markets and Seattle Weekly

For more information about the event or sponsorships, call Lindsey Johnson at 206.623.5373 or email her at [lindsey@northwestwishes.org](mailto:lindsey@northwestwishes.org).

### **WHERE & WHEN:**

Marymoor Park  
6046 W Lake Sammamish Parkway NE  
Redmond, WA 98052

Registration and check-in will begin at 8:45 am followed by the opening ceremony and the Walk at 9:30 a.m. The event will conclude at 12 p.m. Walk up registrations are welcome.

### **WHY:**

*Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington*

*Celebrating 25 years of granting wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions, the chapter has come a long way since its humble beginnings in 1986. From granting six wishes in its first year, to granting about 300 annually, the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Alaska & Washington has brought hope, strength and joy to more than 4,600 local children through its wish granting process. This year, the local chapter will grant nearly 300 wishes. For more information about the local chapter and how you can share the power of a wish® please call 800.304.WISH or visit [www.northwestwishes.org](http://www.northwestwishes.org).*

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